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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 11923

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PFOR EG US

SUBJECT: BILLY GRAHAM IN EGYPT

1. WE UNDERSTAND BILLY GRAHAM HAD COME TO EGYPT LAST WEEK WITH BLESSING OF PRESIDENCY, AND THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE A CHAT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND ALSO TO REPEAT THE SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL MEETING WHICH HE HAD HAD IN 1960. ALTHOUGH GRAHAM WAS WELCOMED BY PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL AND PROVIDED WITH PRESIDENCY CAR, HE SAW VP MUBARAK INSTEAD OF SADAT AND HAS DEPARTED CAIRO WITHOUT PREACHING. APPARENTLY GRAHAM HAD BEEN SO SURE HE WOULD SEE SADAT, HE HAD PRERECORDED A TAPE SO SAYING, BUT WAS UNABLE TO REVISE IT BECAUSE OF AN UNCOMFORTABLE CASE OF FOOD POISONING WHICH HE CONTRACTED HERE.

2. KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TELLS US THAT WORD WAS PASSED AROUND CAIRO THAT GRAHAM'S ABORTED PRAYER MEETING WAS IN SOME WAY CONNECTED WITH, OR EVEN SPONSORED BY, THE COPTIC CHURCH. THE PATRIARCHATE REPORTEDLY ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT (WHICH WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT SEEN) DISASSOCIATING THE CHURCH FROM GRAHAM'S MISSION. WHATEVER REALLY HAPPENED, GRAHAM MUST BE DISAPPOINTED IN HIS VISIT WHICH AFFORDED HIM NO OPPORTUNITY TO PREACH TO THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE.  
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